

Senate Resolution 176

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, James H. Chandler, Jr., was only 33 years old when he was fatally injured in a traffic accident while he was responding to a bank alarm on his police motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, the accident occurred on September 24, 1982, at the intersection of SR 1 and Cloud Springs Road, and James died the next day from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Lakeview High School and the Floyd College Regional Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Chandler had worked with the Fort Oglethorpe Police Department for four years, and in 1999, the police department's training facility was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler was often described as a big guy, with a big heart, who loved his job; and

WHEREAS, he left behind his beautiful wife Jeannie and three sons, Mark, Brian, and Sean; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the memory of James H. Chandler, Jr., be perpetuated by a lasting monument to his life well-lived.

PART II

WHEREAS, MSG Davy Weaver, a soldier in the Georgia Army National Guard from Barnesville, Georgia, was killed while riding in a vehicle that was struck by an improvised explosive device in Qalat, Afghanistan, on May 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, he was born on February 8, 1969, to Patsy Rabuck and Emory Weaver; and

WHEREAS, as a youth, he served his community as a Cub, Boy, and Eagle Scout, and naturally, he fell in love with the military as a young man; and

WHEREAS, MSG Weaver enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard on March 25, 1987, as an infantry soldier, and he completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2005, he was ordered into active service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he was stationed in Kuwait and Iraq and spent a year supporting that mission; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2007, he was sent with members of the 48th Brigade Combat Team to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, MSG Weaver was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in September, 2007, for his actions under enemy fire and rocket attack in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, he loved his family dearly and loved his job and mission in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Susan, his children Bradley, Malachi, and Ellanor, and his step-daughters Jennifer and Mary A. Morris; and

WHEREAS, MSG Weaver will be forever remembered as a true hero and professional soldier, and it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial be dedicated in his honor.

PART III

WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga, named after the Chickamauga Creek which flowed nearby, was fought September 19-20, 1863, and involved more than 150,000 soldiers of the Northern and Southern Armies; and

WHEREAS, the landscape of the battle was one where neither army wanted to fight, and the thick forest limited visibility to 150 feet, less than the range of a rifle; cannon were useless, and often the fighting was hand-to-hand; and

WHEREAS, during the battle, soldiers were cared for in the nearby homes and adjacent buildings, with many Union doctors remaining behind to care for the wounded after the Southern victory, and many parched and wounded soldiers of both sides drank from the town's bubbling Crawfish Spring, still active today; and

WHEREAS, the corridor of the highway dedicated in this resolution follows the general route of march of the US Army of the Cumberland that fought in the Battle of Chickamauga; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor the brave men who fought and died here with a lasting memorial to their sacrifice.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Mason Varner was born on May 8, 1932, in Macland Community. He spent his entire life in Macland, with the exception of four years he spent in the United States Coast Guard. One of his lifelong friends, Clint Carlile, said Mason could not wait to get back to Macland every chance he got while in the service; and

WHEREAS, Mason attended McEachern School and graduated in 1949. Six high school friends and Mason joined the Coast Guard in 1952 for a four-year stint; and

WHEREAS, Mason met Ann Greenway, a teacher at McEachern School, and they were married on March 4, 1956, and had three children, Melinda, Teri, and John. Ann passed away in 2001; and

WHEREAS, after Mason was discharged from service and returned to Macland, he started Varner's Ace Hardware store at the intersection of Macland and New Macland-Lost Mountain Roads. He and Ann operated the store for approximately 20 years. He was a great businessman; and

WHEREAS, Varner's store at Macland became a community institution, and all types of local, state, and national political discussions were held there; and

WHEREAS, fishing was a passion for Mason and he spent many days and nights on a lake with friends, and some of his favorite memories after retirement were from his cabin on Lake Weiss in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mason was a lifetime member of McEachern United Methodist Church and supported its many programs. He was also a member of Austell Post #216 of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Mason passed away on November 13, 2007, surrounded by his children, grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and many friends. It was exactly as he would have wanted it.

PART V

WHEREAS, Jimmy Middleton was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar P. Middleton in 1937 and he grew up in Waverly, Georgia, as the youngest of three children; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement in 1959 and served as chief deputy under Sheriff W. E. "Willie" Smith for 18 years before becoming the Sheriff of Camden County; and

WHEREAS, as sheriff from 1977 to 1985, he understood that being effective in his position required a close partnership with the community, and his legacy as a compassionate and hands-on sheriff will be remembered by many people for many years; and

WHEREAS, he served as sheriff during a time when your nearest backup might be a county away; and

WHEREAS, his service to his community went beyond being sheriff, as he also served as county commissioner and on various boards; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Jimmy married Anne Rentz, and they were blessed with three children and, in turn, five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, true to his nature, Jimmy was a giving and compassionate man and his friends looked to him for leadership, guidance, and support, and he was respected and loved by countless people in the community; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his loyal dedication to his family and his commitment to the citizens of Camden County.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Ray Delaigle has long been recognized by the citizens of Burke County for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a member and chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Burke County; and

WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a lasting reminder of his service to the people of Burke County.

PART VII

WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States owe a debt of gratitude for the heroic men and women who volunteer to defend our freedom in distant lands; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to provide for lasting memorials to their great courage and dedication.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Phyllis Heller, a Marietta resident, passed away April 18, 2007, after a four year fight with an incurable blood cancer called multiple myeloma; and

WHEREAS, she was a heroic woman of many talents; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and she attended Boston University School of Music where she majored in bassoon; and

WHEREAS, when Carl Orff's Carmina Burana premiered in this country on November 19, 1954, at Carnegie Hall under the baton of Leopold Stokowski, Phyllis Heller was the first chair bassoonist; and

WHEREAS, she had a lifelong passion for the arts and visited hundreds of museums around the world; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's she took up stained glass artwork and quickly became highly regarded for her intricate, large-scale designs including full-sized doors and room valances; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Heller was the Chairwoman of Sculpture Internationale, the largest international fine arts sculpture exposition in the United States, which took place in 2002 at Cobb Galleria, and she later went on to help fund and organize the Digital Fine Arts Museum; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career she enjoyed exploring different cultures and societies, and she was a principal in a firm which developed and produced export promotion shows for American manufacturers around the world, and in the process, she visited and produced expositions in more than 40 countries and on every continent except Antarctica; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life of Phyllis Heller be celebrated and that a lasting tribute to her memory be established.

PART IX

WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to the heroic men and women who volunteer to defend our freedom in distant lands; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to provide for lasting memorials to their great courage and dedication and especially the sacrifices of veterans and their families residing in Pike County, Georgia.

PART X

WHEREAS, the law enforcement community and the State of Georgia lost one of their finest husbands, fathers, and law enforcement officers when Georgia State Patrol Trooper Tony M. Lumley gave his life in defense of the public on December 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Lumley joined the Georgia State Patrol as a Trooper Cadet in March, 2002, and completed his training at the 79th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School and graduated as one of the school's most bright and promising troopers in October of that year; and

WHEREAS, he was assigned to the State Patrol post in Forest Park, Georgia, and, as a result of his outstanding performance and work ethic, he was transferred to the State Patrol post in Griffin, Georgia, in February, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a consummate team player, he was admired and respected by his peers for his mastery of law enforcement and public relations skills, sense of humor, and professional attitude; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary law enforcement officer who was held in high esteem for his disciplined and faithful devotion to protecting and preserving the public's safety; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Lumley is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Misty, and his precious daughters, Nikki and Brook.

PART XI

WHEREAS, Donnie Dickens was a long-time resident of Pike County committed to serving his community and was a friend to all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickens worked tirelessly for the citizens of Pike County, including many years of dedicated service at the Road Department, where he held the position of Road Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, his selfless commitment to others and his community was further demonstrated by his active service as a member of the Lifsey Springs Volunteer Fire Department and his willingness to drive a school bus for Pike County school children; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Dickens will long be remembered by his family, friends, and the members of the community he served as a generous, hard-working man and a tremendous asset to Pike County.

PART XII

WHEREAS, W. F. Gay was a resident of Gay, Georgia, and Meriwether County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gay distinguished himself by serving several terms as the mayor of Gay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gay gave many hours of his time and energy to enhance the well-being of Gay and Meriwether County; and

WHEREAS, over the years, W. F. Gay developed and nurtured countless friendships with residents of Gay and Meriwether County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gay departed this life without receiving proper recognition for his contributions, and it is only proper and fitting that an appropriate memorial be established in his memory.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, Joe Bryan rendered distinguished public service as mayor of Damascus, Georgia, for six years; as a member of the city council of Damascus for more than 20 years; and as a school board member; and

WHEREAS, he served the peanut industry for more than fifty years, including service as president of Southern Peanut Warehousemen's Association and member of the advisory board of the Georgia Peanut Commission; and

WHEREAS, he was founder, director, and officer of Chem-Nut, Inc.; director of First State Bank, Blakely; and director of Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he was a Century Member of the Boy Scouts of America and a faithful supporter of Southwest Georgia Academy and area churches; and

WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Agribusiness Service Award, Georgia Peanut Service Award, and National Peanut Buying Points Association's Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, as the remembrance citation from St. James C.M.E. Church reads, "Joe Bryan never refused to help any worthy cause"; and as the citation from Bethel Methodist Church states, "Joe Bryan was a Godly man vigorously pursued a Godly path toward a Godly cause—helping his fellow man."

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Glenn McCarver Smith III passed away in an accident on June 21, 2007, at the young age of 15; and

WHEREAS, he was a freshman at Pepperell High School, where he was an honor student taking college prep courses; and

WHEREAS, he was the class treasurer, a member of the student council, the Key Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, Glenn played baseball and basketball and was active in the youth group at Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind his parents, David and Laura; his sister, LeeAnn; and his grandparents, Johnny and Sarah Smith and Eunice Smith.

PART XV

WHEREAS, beginning in 1992, Hinson Mosley was one of the most distinguished members of the House of Representatives, faithfully serving the citizens of House District 178 with vision and determination; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Jesup, Georgia, he enjoyed a stellar reputation as one of the strongest leaders for rural Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Game, Fish, and Parks Committee (for which he previously served as chairman), and the House State Planning and Community Affairs Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, among his many notable accomplishments during the course of his legislative career was authoring the Day of the Woman resolution, the only resolution to hang in the capitol; and

WHEREAS, he is known for his warm and friendly nature and his chinaberry smoked steaks; and

WHEREAS, a retired instrument technician and a devoted family man, Representative Mosley and his wife, Linda, are the loving parents of four children, Kim, George, Sharon, and Darrell; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper that a lasting tribute to this great public servant be established.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, Glenn Brown was born April 9, 1951, in Screven County; and

WHEREAS, he was the youngest of 12 children born to Albert and Zelma Wiley Brown; and

WHEREAS, Glenn attended Screven County Schools and Mercer University and was a lifelong member of Greenhill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, this young farmer and pastor of Ogeechee Baptist Church was married to the former Martha Lane; and

WHEREAS, Glenn lived 25 short years and lost his life in a tragic accident off Highway 21 in the Whitehill area on June 14, 1976; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial in his memory be established.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and the Henry County Board of Commissioners have unanimously requested that a portion of Georgia Highway 138 be designated the Lake Spivey Parkway.

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Luke Dollar has been a resident of Marietta, Georgia, in Cobb County, for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, he served his country during the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dollar has set an example as a leader in his community; and

WHEREAS, he is a father to three outstanding children; and

WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment, by far, was marrying the beautiful and talented Sue Kelly Dollar, and they have been married for 35 wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this fine man be honored for all of his accomplishments.

PART XIX

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of SR 1 and Cloud Springs Road be dedicated as the James H. Chandler, Jr. Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 36 from US 41 near Barnesville to Liberty Hill in Lamar County, Georgia, be dedicated as the MSG Davy Nathaniel Weaver Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 341 from its intersection with SR 193 north to its intersection with Gordon Street in Chickamauga be dedicated as the US Army of the Cumberland Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of Macland Road, SR 360, from the Paulding County line into Cobb County and ending at John Petree Road be dedicated as the Mason Varner Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 25/US 17 within the limits of the Ocean Highway in Camden County, beginning at Oscar Road (CR 266 at MP 22.12) and ending at the County Line Bridge (MP 31.56) be dedicated as the Sheriff Jimmy Middleton Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on SR 56 over Rocky Creek in Burke County, Georgia, be dedicated as the Ray Delaigle Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the veterans of all ages and dedicate the portion of SR 301 in Glennville, Georgia, in Tattnall County, as Veterans Boulevard in honor of their great sacrifices on behalf of our country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the memory of Phyllis Heller and dedicate the bridge on SR 120 over Willeo Creek in Cobb County as the Phyllis Heller Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend veterans of all ages as well as the heroic veterans of Pike County, Georgia, and dedicate the portion of SR 362 in Pike County, Georgia, as the Pike County Veterans Memorial Highway in honor of their great sacrifices on behalf of our country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion SR 18 in Pike County, Georgia, be dedicated as the Trooper Tony M. Lumley Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 109 in Pike County, Georgia, running through Pike County shall be dedicated as the Donnie Dickens Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of Spur 109 from Greenville, Georgia, west through Gay, Georgia, in Meriwether County to the Pike County line as the W. F. Gay Memorial Connector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of State Route 45 in Early County beginning at the Miller County line and ending at the Calhoun County line is dedicated as the Joe Bryan Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the much too short life of Glenn McCarver Smith III and dedicate the bridge over Big Cedar Creek near Cave Spring on US 411/SR 53 as the Glenn McCarver Smith III Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life and public service of Hinson Mosley and dedicate the portion of US 84 from the city limits of Screven to the city limits of Jesup as the Hinson Mosely Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on SR 21 in the Whitehill community of Screven County be dedicated as the Glenn Brown Memorial Overpass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Highway 138 between Interstate 675 and the corporate limits of the City of Jonesboro shall be designated the Lake Spivey Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 120 from the 120 Loop (Marietta Parkway) going east from I-75 to Johnson Ferry Road be dedicated as the Luke Dollar Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the family of James H. Chandler, Jr., to the family of MSG Davy Nathaniel Weaver, to the City of Chickamauga, to the family of Mason Varner, to the family of Sheriff Jimmy Middleton, to Ray Delaigle, to the Glennville City Council, to the family of Phyllis Heller, to Pike County, to the family of Trooper Tony M. Lumley, to the family of Donnie Dickens, to the family of W. F. Gay, to the family of Joe Bryan, to the family of Glenn McCarver Smith III, to Hinson Mosely, to the family of Glenn Brown, and to Luke Dollar.